







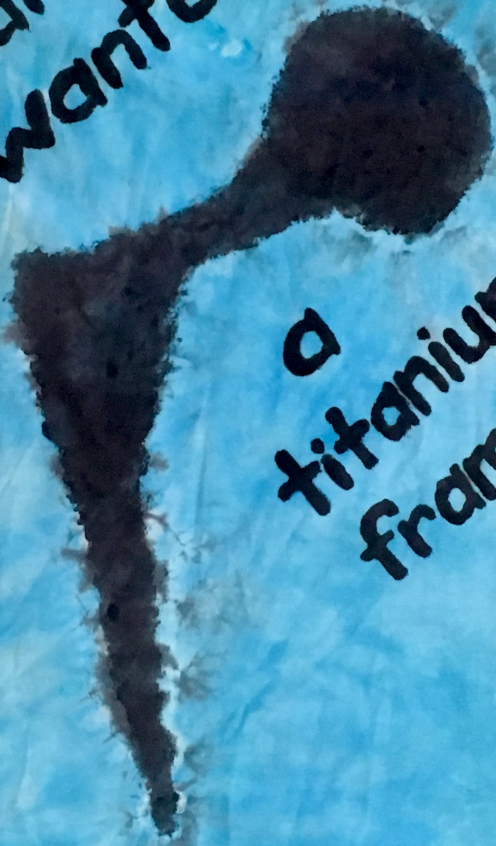








**I always
wanted**



**a
titanium
frame!**



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Rally Cycling's Colin Joyce is fifth on GC going into the last stage of Tour de Yorkshire.

He lists 'eating' as one of his strengths as a rider.







During visits home from Europe, I would always buy American DVDs. In my early years there, before Netflix became available, this was quite necessary. On Saturday nights I might have 12 Americans in my small apartment watching one of the "latest" movies. People would often suggest TV series to take back, and one of those was the Murdoch Mysteries. I knew nothing about that series, and so I never bought it to take back.

A few months ago, though, I chanced upon a bicycle riding detective, and was amazed to find out that it was a Murdoch mystery. The show was set in a bike race in the early days of cycling, 1901, to be precise, and a criterium in Canada. The plot involved Choppy Warburton, a historical trainer (Chippy Blackburn in the show, but it was close enough I didn't notice the difference), and his frowned upon "potions," and stimulants. One of the racers was Major Taylor, an African American rider who was one of the fastest racers of his generation (who died and was buried in Chicago, I have to visit that grave someday), and other riders. (Spoiler Alert) Blood doping was the killing villain of the race, as it was done without knowledge that there were different blood types. It was great seeing a cycling detective! and I eagerly punched in the show to record. Turns out the show is about a member of the Police Constabulary, who occasionally, very occasionally, mounts a saddle, so it is not the greatest show ever. Still, I am enjoying it.

The concept of wheels and propulsion is as ancient as man. There are many references and allusions in the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament), to wheels. Some of the angels are likened to fiery wheels. Even the prophet Elijah (Elias) was assumed into heaven, at the end of his long life, by being taken up in a fiery chariot. Given these manifold references to wheels and transport, it is somehow fitting that this year's Giro d'Italia starts here in the Holy Land. The stage today passes

through the desert (!) the Giro organizers proclaim! Always searching for new experiences. The stage passes through an area not far from the Dead Sea, through the Negev desert, apparently through a checkpoint, although one of you will have to research that as I haven't the time, coasting downwards, every downwards, to a southern finish.

The organizers have, or at least had, deemed this the "Giro della Pace," the Giro of peace, beginning in Jerusalem (salem means peace after all) and finishing in the Eternal City, once home of the Pax Romana, now providers of the peace of the Church (Italian style). This is the first time the Giro returns to Rome in 10 years, since the centennial Giro in 2008. Even that return is a celebrity guest appearance, as the penultimate stage is way up in the north, near Turin if I recall, and then the cyclists are jetted to Rome for the last day finish.

Many have said it was a shame I could not be there. Well, I was planning to be there, and shopped for tickets in February. Unfortunately I did not lock in a reservation before coming down with the flu, then for several weeks I didn't feel like arranging a ticket. When I got back to it, the tickets were astronomically expensive. When I found out only the last stage was in Rome, I looked at tickets earlier in May, and found some cheaper ones, thinking I could do what I needed to in Rome, and then head north and follow the Giro a few days. Alas, I hesitated again. Don't worry though, perhaps we will see each other later in the Summer, live at the Tour or at the Vuelta. In the meantime, we have the better than best coverage here, live at the LUG.

#Enjoy the Giro #Enjoy the Day ###





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This is the new general classification after stage 3.

Victor Campenaerts lost contact in the finale and slipped out of the top ten.

- 1 Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing Team 09:05:30
- 2 Tom Dumoulin (Ned) Team Sunweb 00:00:01
- 3 José Gonçalves (Por) Katusha-Alpecin 00:00:13
- 4 Alex Dowsett (GBr) Katusha-Alpecin 00:00:17
- 5 Pello Bilbao (Spa) Astana Pro Team 00:00:19
- 6 Simon Yates (GBr) Mitchelton-Scott 00:00:21
- 7 Maximilian Schachmann (Ger) Quick-Step Floors 00:00:22
- 8 Tony Martin (Ger) Katusha-Alpecin 00:00:28
- 9 Domenico Pozzovivo (Ita) Bahrain-Merida 00:00:28
- 10 Carlos Betancur (Col) Movistar Team 00:00:29